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(c) if so, on what terms and when the work may be expected to be taken up on hand and what the recurring and non-recurring cost of the scheme and its maintenance will be?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The scheme to supply water to Salem town from the Mettur dam has not yet been sanctioned; nor have any orders been issued for the preparation of plans and estimates. It is proposed to ask the municipal council whether it is prepared to accept the proposals for financing the scheme on the basis of a half grant and half loan.

The approximate capital cost of the scheme is estimated at Rs. 22 lakhs and the annual maintenance charges at Rs. 52,720. If the council takes a loan of Rs. 11 lakhs towards its share of the cost and if it agrees to repay the loan in 30 years with interest at $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, it will have to find a sum of Rs. 77,788 in addition to the maintenance charges. The attention of the hon. Member is also invited to the answer to question No. 191.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know when the Government propose to issue final orders on this question?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The question of the actual charge for water supplied is under examination; as soon as that is over, orders will be passed."

Supply of drinking water from Mettur dam to Salem town.

* 193 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the supply of drinking water to Salem town from Mettur project stands; and

(*b*) for how long the question of the supply of drinking water to Salem town from Mettur project has been pending?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Legislative Council question No. 191;

(*b*) The Sanitary Engineer's report on the investigation of the water-supply scheme was received in July 1931 and it has been under consideration since then.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Proposals by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the appointment of Commissioners to Mutts.

* 194 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board now pending before the Government for appointing Commissioners to the various Mutts; and